## Michael C. Curley

#### **EDUCATION**

Pace University School of Law, White Plains, NY Juris Doctor and Certificate in Environmental Law, Class Rank:

Honors: Learned & Augustus Hand Fellowship in Environmental Law; Articles Editor, PACE LAW REVIEW; Pace Federal Judicial Honors Program; Dean's List each semester

Memberships and Activities: Dean's Scholar in Real Property Law; NYS Bar Ass'n; Pace Envtl. Law Society

State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY

Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems & Spatial Analysis GPA:

State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY

Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Environmental & Forest Biology, **GPA** 

Stuyvesant High School, New York, NY

#### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, Albany, NY

Appellate Court Attorney, August 2011 - present

One-year clerkship; duties include researching and analyzing legal issues and preparing preliminary reports for use by Justices of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department.

Westcon Group, Inc., Tarrytown, NY

Legal Intern, January 2011 - April 2011

Reviewed and red-lined contracts, assisted in due diligence of a potential acquisition target, drafted corporate policy, performed research, and prepared memoranda in the General Counsel's Office of a global distributor of network and communications technologies.

## Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic, White Plains, NY

Legal Intern, September 2010 - January 2011

Conducted legal research and drafted a memorandum of law for an Article 78 proceeding challenging a decision of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Clean Water Act permits issued to a municipal agency for the operation of several sewage treatment facilities.

# Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Hartford, CT

Legal Intern, Summer 2010

Conducted legal research, prepared memoranda for agency attorneys, and provided legal advice to agency staff in such areas as state wetlands, hunting, trapping, Brownfields, and forestry laws. Assisted agency attorneys and Attorney General's Office with an administrative prosecution under the state Boating Under the Influence law.

### Hon. Cathy Seibel, United States District Court, S.D.N.Y., White Plains, NY Judicial Extern, January 2010 - May 2010

Conducted legal research and drafted opinions on motions for summary judgment before the court; substantive areas included employment discrimination and First Amendment retaliation. Observed trials, settlement conferences, sentencing hearings, and oral arguments on a motion for sanctions.

Riverkeeper, Inc., Tarrytown, NY

Legal Intern, Summer 2009

Conducted legal research and prepared memoranda for staff attorneys at an environmental organization; subject areas included the federal Coastal Zone Mgt. Act, municipal law, and state Article 78 proceedings. Investigated potential violations of RCRA and state asbestos regulations. Drafted letters to government agencies and officials

## NON-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Warrensburg, NY

Supervising Forester, September 2002 - August 2008

Oversaw delivery of DEC Forestry programs in four-county area in upstate NY. Supervised natural resource planning and management of large tracts of Forest Preserve lands and conservation easements in the Adirondack Park. Coordinated with legal and law enforcement staff in such areas as encroachments, SEQRA analysis of state projects, and compliance with consent orders. Supervised forestry and administrative personnel.

Senior Forester, December 1999 - September 2002

Managed Forest Preserve lands in southeastern Adirondacks. Drafted state land management and recreation use plans (EIS's). Supervised seasonal staff. Provided technical assistance to the public. Managed natural resource planning contracts. Interacted with community groups, environmental organizations, and local governments.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, New York, NY.

Urban Forester, August 1997 - December 1999

Administered NY State's Urban & Community Forestry program in NYC. Managed tree planting contracts. Presented at urban forestry workshops. Provided technical assistance to landowners and citizen groups.

### REFERENCES

Melinda Decker, Esq. Agency Legal Director Connecticut Dep't of Energy & Environmental Protection



Dan Estrin Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic, Supervising Attorney Pace University School of Law



Thomas Martin Regional Forester NYS Dep't of Environmental Conservation